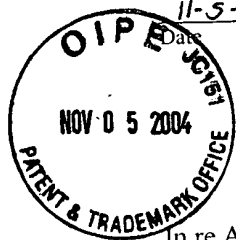


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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Sir:

Assignee is also the owner of related U.S. Patent No. 6,749,624 and has filed a lawsuit against Syneron Medical Ltd. and Syneron, Inc. on that patent in the United States District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, Case No. C-04-2995-CRB. Syneron has raised various defenses, including validity and enforceability defenses, to that action. Furthermore, the court conducted a preliminary injunction hearing in that case and issued an order denying the same. Various items related to the case and the preliminary injunction proceedings are submitted herewith as well as other information.

Further, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the electronic docket report from the court. Applicant will consider any request from the Examiner for any other papers mentioned therein.

Listed below or on an attached Form PTO-1449 is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, other documents, and U.S. and foreign patent, except for pending U.S. applications, is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If form PTO-1449 is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

☒ This statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (b) because (check all that apply):

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C. a fee of \$130.00 as set forth in §1.17(i)(1) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

☒ **Fee Authorization.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-referenced fees of \$0.00 and charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to **Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39238-0034).**

Respectfully submitted,

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